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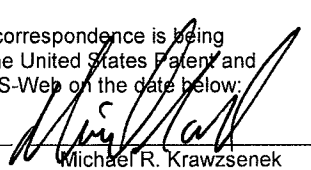
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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 21, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed August 21, 2008. A Petition for a one-month extension of time is being filed with this Response, which brings the due date to December 22, 2008, as December 21, 2008 is a Sunday. The required fees are being charged to a credit card through EFS-Web concurrently with this submission. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any underpayment of fees or any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 in connection with the filing of this paper from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/ESSR:090US.

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